

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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**NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY'S
AND MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
ANSWER TO ISO NEW ENGLAND'S PETITION TO PARTICIPATE
AS A LIMITED PARTICIPANT IN DTE 04-66 AND 04-81**

On October 13, 2004 ISO New England petitioned the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for leave to participate as a Limited Participant in the above captioned proceedings. Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03(d) New England Power Company ("NEP") and Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECO") submit this Answer for the Departments consideration.

1. NEP and MECO support the participation of ISO New England in these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, NEP and MECO request that the Department grant ISO New England's Petition to participate as a Limited Participant.

Respectfully,
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